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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

KINOSHITA et al.

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For: HEAT-SENSITIVE STENCIL SHEETBADE

January 8, 2001

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter this Amendment and grant the concurrent petition for a one-month extension of time for the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 23, delete the heading "Claims" and insert -- What We Claim Is:--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 with neither prejudice nor disclaimer.

Please add new claims as follows:

- --4. A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 1, wherein said heat-sensitive stencil sheet has a KES bending rigidity value B per unit length of 0.02 gf cm²/cm or more.
- 5. A heat-sensitive stencil sheet according to claim 4, wherein said value B is in a cross-wise direction with respect to said heat-sensitive stencil sheet.